UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARC ELLIOT,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HBO HOME ENTERTAINMENT CORP. et al.,

Defendants.

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24-CV-7879 (JPC) (BCM)

ORDER REGARDING GENERAL PRETRIAL MANAGEMENT

BARBARA MOSES, United States Magistrate Judge.

The above-referenced action was removed from state court to the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, on December 15, 2023 (Dkt. 1), and transferred to this district on October 17, 2024 (Dkt. 43). It has now been referred to Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses for general pretrial management, including scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement, and for report and recommendation on dispositive motions, if any, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B). (Dkt. 45.) All pretrial motions and applications, including those related to scheduling and discovery (but excluding motions to dismiss or for judgment on the pleadings, for injunctive relief, for summary judgment, or for class certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23) must be made to Judge Moses and in compliance with this Court's Individual Practices in Civil Cases, available on the Court's website at https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-barbara-moses.

Defendants' Motion

The Court notes that, on January 12, 2024, defendants filed a motion to dismiss or transfer venue (Dkt. 31), which was fully briefed on February 20, 2024. On September 30, 2024, the Eastern District of Missouri granted the branch of defendants' motion seeking a change of venue, and the case was transferred to this Court.

Defendants are hereby directed to advise this Court, no later than **November 18, 2024**, whether they wish to proceed on the branch of their motion to dismiss brought pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), and if so, whether they wish to rely on their existing briefing, or file new motion papers.

Guidance for the Pro Se Plaintiff

Plaintiff is hereby notified that pro se parties may file pleadings, letters, and other documents with the Southern District of New York by using any of the following methods:

- a. **Drop off** the documents in the drop box located in the lobby of the U.S. Courthouse at 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY, 10007.
- b. **Mail** the documents to the Pro Se Intake Unit at 500 Pearl Street, Room 205, New York, New York, 10007.
- c. **Email** the documents to ProSe@nysd.uscourts.gov. Instructions for filing documents by email may be found on the Court's website at nysd.uscourts.gov/prose.

Plaintiff is further advised that he may choose to receive documents filed in this case by e-mail instead of by regular mail. If plaintiff wishes to receive case information by e-mail, plaintiff must follow the instructions in the Consent and Registration Form, which is available on the website of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York: https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-electronic-service-pro-se-cases.

Plaintiff may wish to contact the Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project in the Southern District of New York, which is a free legal clinic staffed by attorneys and paralegals to assist those who are representing themselves in civil lawsuits in this court. The project is run by a private organization; it is not part of, or run by, the Court. It cannot accept filings on behalf of the Court, which must still be made by any pro se party through the Pro Se Intake Unit.

To receive limited-scope assistance from the project, parties may complete the clinic's intake form on their computer or phone at: https://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/federal-pro-se-legal-assistance-project/.

If parties have questions regarding the form or they are unable to complete it, they may leave a voicemail at (212) 382-4794. A copy of a flyer with details about the project is attached to this Order.

Dated: New York, New York November 4, 2024 SO ORDERED.

BARBARA MOSES United States Magistrate Judge

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in the Southern District of New York (SDNY)



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Assisting with the **settlement** process (including mediation)



Reviewing drafted pleadings and correspondence with the Court

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